

## Loess Hills Alliance

Annual Report

**Loess Hills  
Alliance**  
Maintaining  
the  
Balance



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## Maurice Welte

- Chairman,  
Loess Hills Alliance



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## The Format of the Presentation



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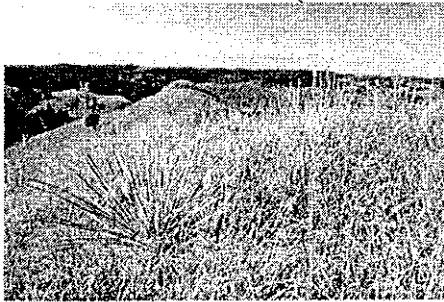
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## History of the Alliance



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## What is Happening NOW



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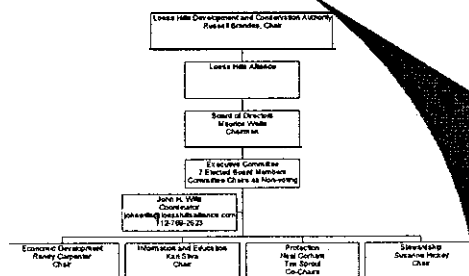
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## Our Governance and Structure

Loess Hills Alliance Table of Organization



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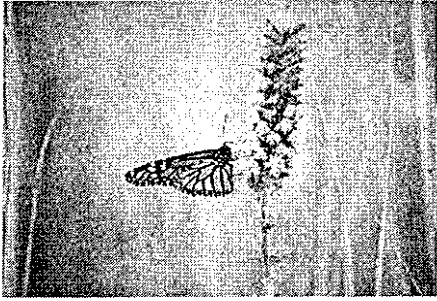
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## Conclusion



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## Economic Development Committee



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## The Mission

- To provide a comprehensive plan for economic success of the communities within the Loess Hills which respect the preservation, protection and integrity of the hills.

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## Funded Projects

- Small Economic Development Grant
- Unplanned Growth Study
- Urban Development Conference
- Loess Hills Urban Water Quality Project

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## Future Plans

- Small Economic Development Grant
- TWO Urban conferences (Co-sponsored)
- Comprehensive Planning and Zoning
- Part II of the Unplanned Development Study



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## Information and Education Committee



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## The Mission

- To effectively communicate, inform and educate; with a unified and consistent voice; the goals and activities of the Loess Hills Alliance.

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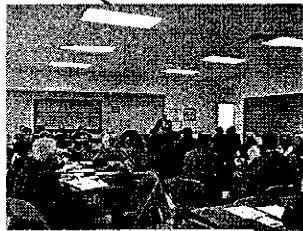
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## Inform the Public

- Quarterly Newsletter
- Media Relations
- Public Meetings
- Reports and Publications



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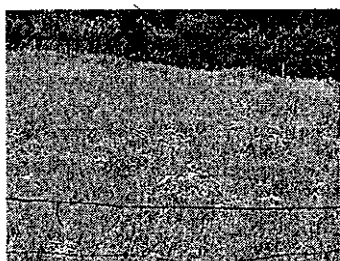
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## Promotional Co-ops With Others

- Print
- Billboard
- Inserts



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## Education

- Teacher training
- Exhibits
- School projects
- Familiarization Tours
- CD-Rom Tool



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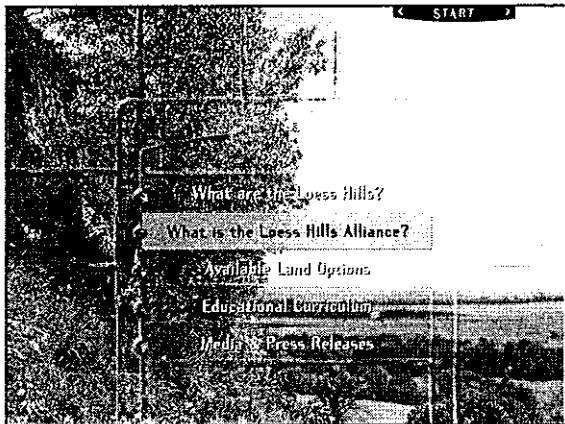
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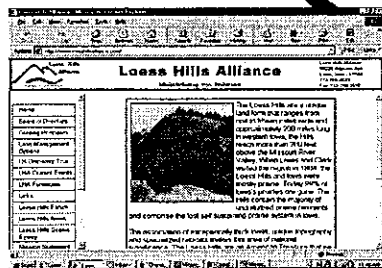
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## Website

- [www.loesshillsalliance.com](http://www.loesshillsalliance.com)



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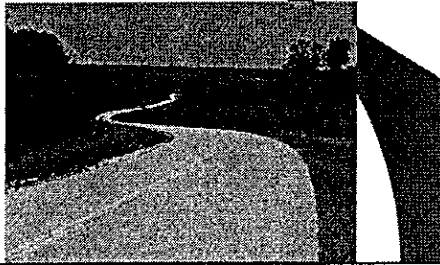
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## Scenic Byway Brochure

- Cooperative Project



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## Protection Committee



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## The Mission

- . To protect, preserve and enhance the natural and cultural resources of the Loess Hills while assuring economic viability and rights of the public and private property owners.

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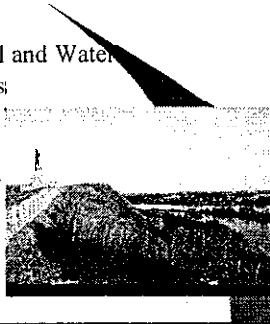
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## Partnerships

- Part time help for Soil and Water Conservation Districts
- Landowners Options
- Landowners Contacts



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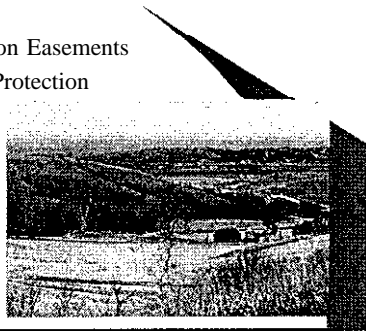
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## Land Protection

- Conservation Easements
- Farmland Protection



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## Land use

- Comprehensive Planning
- Environment Sensitive Zoning



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## Stewardship Committee



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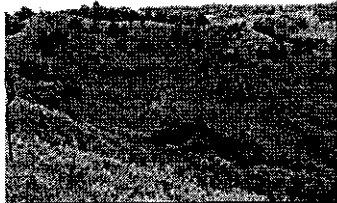
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## The Mission

- To identify and implement land stewardship strategies with a commitment to the future.



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## Projects Implemented to date

- Stewardship Resource Directory
- Training Workshops (Fire, Grazing, Cedar Tree Control/Utilization)
- Stewardship Intern Program
- Fire Equipment Cache
- Grassland Restoration Cost-share Program

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## Future Projects

- Continue Internship Program
- Continue Fire Training Program:s
- Create Stewardship Equipment Grant Program
- Fund Cedar Products Feasibility Plan
- Fund a plan to develop a prescribed Fire Business Plan.

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## Executive Committee

- 7-member elected board
  - Day to day operations
  - Preparation for meetings
  - Coordinates all Committees

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## Board Development Workshop

- Attended by 22 members of the Board of Directors.
- Tremendously Successful



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## Coordinator

- Coordinate activities of the alliance
- Supervise employee
- Provide information to public




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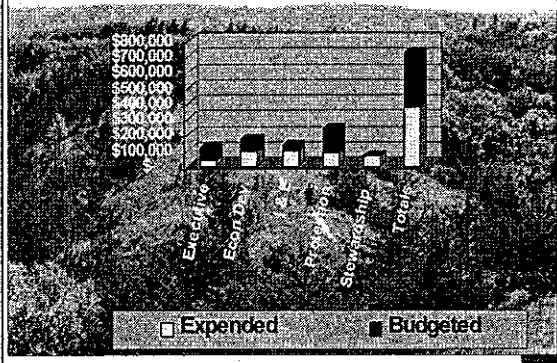
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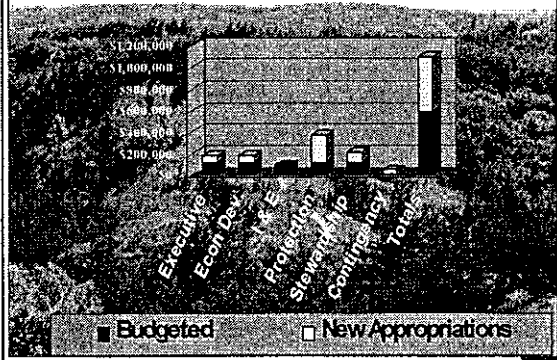
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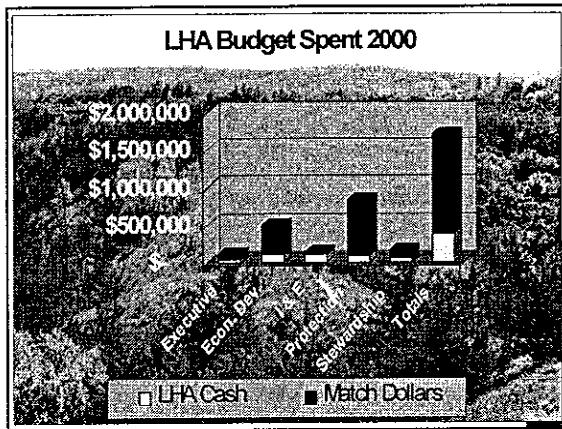
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### In Summary

- We plan to increase our public participation and outreach
- Each committee has an aggressive plan and committee to get the job done
- Our public opinion survey shows people want work to be done in the Hills.

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### The Future

- Photo credits
  - Tom Bruegger,
  - Don Poggensee,
  - Don Wishart



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